

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 13 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 15 through 20 and add Claims 21 through 25 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image bearing member;

a movable belt, wherein an image on said image bearing member is transferred toward said belt;

a supporting member for supporting said belt,

wherein said belt ~~has~~ includes a first engaging portion, and said supporting member ~~has~~ includes a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated from laterally in a lateral shifting by engaging ~~engagement between~~ said first engaging ~~between~~ portion and said second engaging portion; and

a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion,

wherein said regulating member is disposed so as to be opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween, and

wherein when said belt moves, said regulating member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said regulating member is disposed upstream of a region where said belt is contacted to said supporting member with respect to a movement direction of said belt.

4. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said regulating member is a rotatable member.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a rotational axis of said regulating member is inclined with respect to a direction perpendicular to a ~~the~~ movement direction of said belt.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said regulating member is inclined in ~~the~~ a direction of urging an end portion of said belt outwardly.

7. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a distance from a surface of said belt to said regulating member is smaller than a length of said first engaging portion.

8. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first engaging portion ~~has~~ includes a projected portion, and said second engaging portion ~~has~~ includes a recessed portion.

9. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said supporting member is a rotatable member around which said belt is extended.

10. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said belt is an intermediary transfer member onto which the image is transferred from said image bearing member, and the image on said belt is transferred onto a transfer material.

11. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said belt is a feeding belt for carrying ~~the~~ a transfer material, wherein an image on said image bearing member is transferred onto the transfer material on said belt.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A belt moving apparatus comprising:  
a movable belt;  
a supporting member for supporting said belt,  
wherein said belt ~~has~~ includes a first engaging portion, and said supporting member ~~has~~ includes a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated ~~in a lateral~~ from laterally shifting by ~~engagement between~~ engaging said first engaging portion and said second engaging portion; and

a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion,

wherein said regulating member is disposed so as to be opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween, and

wherein when said belt moves, said regulating member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.

**13. (Canceled)**

**14. (Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said regulating member is disposed upstream of a region where said belt is contacted to said supporting member with respect to a movement direction of said belt.

**15. (Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim ~~[[2,]]~~ 12, wherein said regulating member is a rotatable member.

**16. (Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim ~~[[5,]]~~ 15, wherein a rotational axis of said regulating member is inclined with respect to a direction perpendicular to a ~~[[the]]~~ movement direction of said belt.

17. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 16, ~~[[5,]]~~ wherein said regulating member is inclined in the direction of urging an end portion of said belt outwardly.

18. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 12, wherein a distance from a surface of said belt to said regulating member is smaller than a length of said first engaging portion.

19. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said first engaging portion ~~has~~ includes a projected portion, and said second engaging portion ~~has~~ includes a recessed portion.

20. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said supporting member is a rotatable member around which said belt is extended.

--21. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 12, wherein said supporting member includes a flange, which includes said second engaging portion.

22. **(New)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image bearing member;  
a movable belt, wherein an image on said image bearing member is transferred toward said belt;

a supporting member for supporting said belt,

wherein said belt includes a first engaging portion, and said supporting member is provided at an end portion with a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated from laterally shifting by engaging said first engaging portion and said second engaging portion; and

a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion, wherein said regulating member is disposed so as to be opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween,

wherein when said belt moves, said regulating member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.

23. (New) A belt moving apparatus comprising:

a movable belt;

a supporting member for supporting said belt,

wherein said belt includes a first engaging portion, and said supporting member is provided at an end portion with a second engaging portion, and said belt is regulated in a lateral direction from laterally shifting by engagement between engaging said first engaging portion and said second engaging portion; and

a regulating member, disposed out of contact with said belt, for regulating movement of said first engaging portion, wherein said regulating member is disposed so as to be opposed to said first engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween,

wherein when said belt moves, said regulating member is effective to prevent said first engaging portion from disengaging from said second engaging portion.

24. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 22 or 23, further comprising a flange provided at an end portion of said supporting member, and said flange includes said second engaging portion.

25. **(New)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, 12, 22, or 23, wherein said regulating member is opposed to said second engaging portion with said belt interposed therebetween.--